SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5299**

5			6	1		8		
	1		2		4		7	9
		4			8			5
		9	4				2	
						4		
					2	7	8	3
				8	9			
	5						1	4
		2			7	3		8

TRICKY **B5299**

						1		5
					9	4		
			2	5		6	3	
7			5			2	1	4
	1	9						
			6		4			
	9	7		4				
		2		3	8			
		6						7

To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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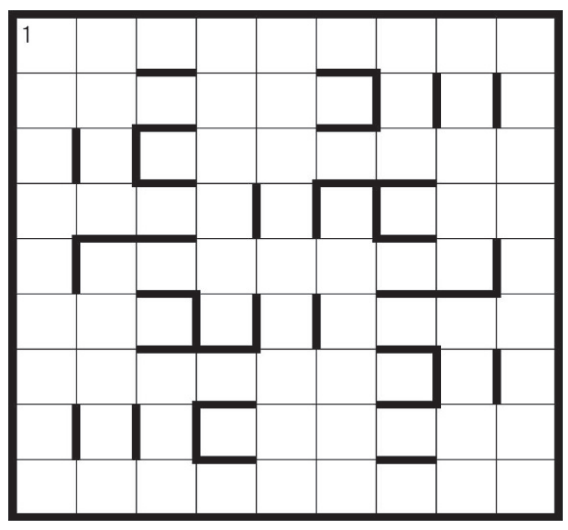
CROSSWORD



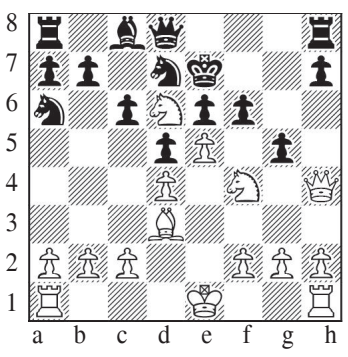
ACROSS

1 Moves (9)
Everlasting (7)
Takes place (6)
Begrudges (7)
Christmas show (9)
Sample (3)
_ Coward, playwright (4)
Magazine head (6)
In good health (3)
Yield (4)
At a very slow speed (7)

DOWN

1 Return journey (5,4)
_ Garbo, actress (5)
Condemn (4)
Initial cost (6)
Letter sent electronically (5)
Casualty (6)
Red sconce (anag.) (9)
Potassium nitrate (9)
Code word for the letter E (4)
Immoral act (3)
Light shade of brown (3)

CHESS



WHITE FORCES MATE

HINT: SACRIFICE AND MATE.

Solution: 1. Qxh7ch! Rxh7 2. Ng6 checkmate .[Speyer-Couvee 1902].

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 13;

Very good 19;

Excellent 25 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

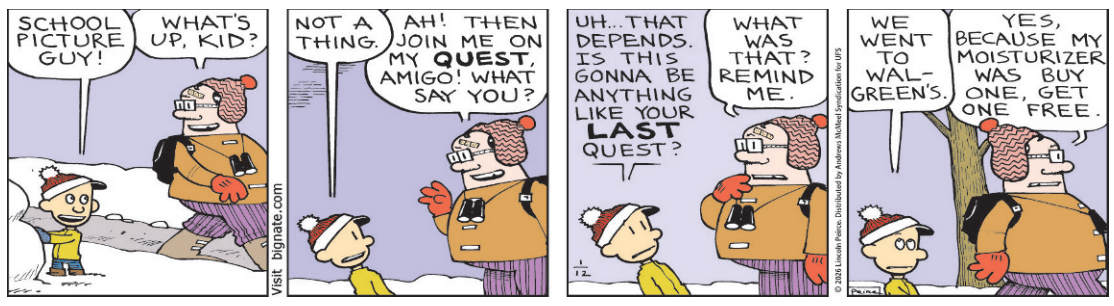
SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

TIPTOEING

inept nope open opine opting pein pent peon petition petting pigeon pine ping pingo pint pinto pion piton pitting poet point pone pong potent potting tiepin tinpot tiptoe TIPTOEING tope topi toping

THE METRO FUNNIES

BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE


SCHOOL PICTURE GUY!
WHAT'S UP, KID?
NOT A THING.
AH! THEN JOIN ME ON MY QUEST, AMIGO! WHAT SAY YOU?
UH... THAT DEPENDS. IS THIS GONNA BE ANYTHING LIKE YOUR LAST QUEST?
WHAT WAS THAT? REMIND ME.
WE WENT TO WAL-GREEN'S.
YES, BECAUSE MY MOISTURIZER WAS BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE.
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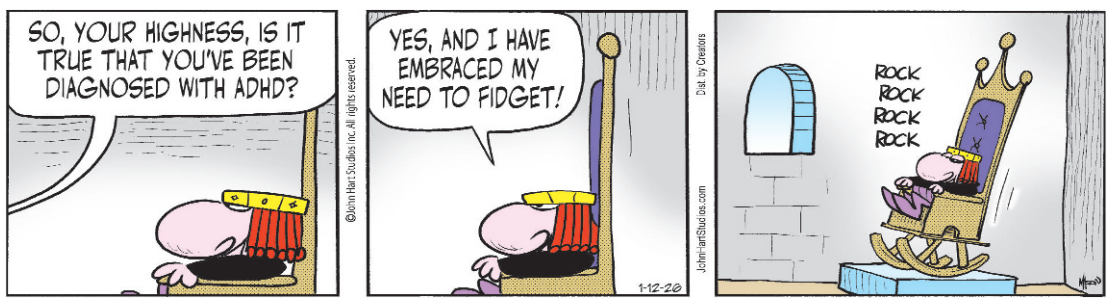
THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART


SO, YOUR HIGHNESS, IS IT TRUE THAT YOU'VE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ADHD?
YES, AND I HAVE EMBRACED MY NEED TO FIDGET!
ROCK ROCK ROCK ROCK
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AH! I'VE REACHED MY FITNESS GOAL FOR TODAY!
BZZZT!
A HUNDRED STEPS IS YOUR FITNESS GOAL?
I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS LOFTY.
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WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:56pm	05:22pm	06:02pm	05:21pm	05:27pm	05:56pm
Sunrise	07:13am	07:09am	07:17am	07:01am	07:17am	07:25am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	4	14	Fog	85	4	14	Fog	4	13	Fog
Hyderabad	6	23	Mostly Sunny	52	7	23	Sunny	10	26	Sunny
Islamabad	5	17	Cloudy	51	6	18	Sunny	6	18	Sunny
Lahore	4	13	Cloudy	84	5	13	Fog	5	12	Fog
Multan	4	15	Fog	82	4	14	Fog	5	15	Fog
Peshawar	6	17	Cloudy	69	4	19	Sunny	5	18	Sunny
Quetta	1	14	Sunny	37	1	14	Sunny	5	15	Mostly Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

BUCKRAM

(BUCKRAM: BUK-rum: A stiff fabric of cotton or linen used as garment linings.)

Average mark 18 words
Time limit 20 minutes

Can you find 17 or more words in BUCKRAM?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD — VITALIZED

vale	idle	aide	livid	delta
valet	ivied	ailed	zeal	detail
valid	tail	alit	ziti	devil
veal	tailed	alive	edit	dial
veil	tale	avid	evil	diel
vial	teal	lade	dale	diet
vide	tidal	laid	date	dilate
vile	tide	late	dative	diva
vita	tied	laze	davit	dive
vital	tilde	lead	daze	
vitalize	tile	lied	deal	
idea	adit	lite	dealt	
ideal	adze	live	deli	

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

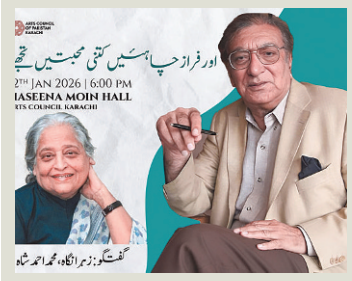
1 Rearrange
7 Envy
8 Drags
10 Tot
11 Prance
13 Earthworm
14 Hernia
16 Tea
18 Eases
19 Flee
20 Disasters.

DOWN

1 Respected
2 Entrap
3 Ryan
4 Art
5 Nations
6 Estimates
8 Duchess
9 Carcass
12 Writer
15 Rift
17 Bea.

METRO EVENTS

DISCUSSION



A discussion on '*Aur Faraz Chahiyein Kitni Mohabbatein Tujhe*' on the birthday of legendary poet Ahmed Faraz is held at Haseena Moin Hall, Arts Council of Pakistan, at 6pm.

SEMINAR

A seminar on 'The Present Economic Situation of Pakistan' with Syed Shujaat Ali (senior economist) is organised at Mini Auditorium, new building, Iqra University, North campus, at 9am.

BLOOD DONATION

A blood donation drive in collaboration with Indus Hospital & Health Network at MB-01, new building, Iqra University, North campus, at 12pm.

PLAY

The Mother, a play translated and directed by Usama Khan, is staged at Napa at 8pm.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition of recent works by Tahir Bilal Ummi is underway at Artciti Gallery. Titled *Shadow of Nature*, it will continue till Jan 13.

HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

*** This is a strong day for financial matters, especially about inheritances, taxes, debt and shared property. Today you're mentally vigorous and on the mark. You're happy to do what you can to support home and family in a favorable way. Tonight: Share money ideas.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Conversations with partners, spouses and close friends are excellent today, because you will verbalize your feelings and say what you want to say. You're confident about putting your cards on the proverbial table. Plans to travel will please you. You feel warm and friendly to everyone! Tonight: Listen!

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

*** You can accomplish a lot at work or with any task that you set for yourself today. You're in a positive frame of mind. You have good moneymaking ideas, plus you might be generous to someone. You'll see the best way to handle shared property or a specific amount of money with someone. Tonight: Get stuff done.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** You feel happy today, which is a great way to begin your week! Relations with children and romantic partners are positive. Social outings will please you -- anything from dinner out to a shared cup of coffee with a friend. It's a good day for discussions about care and the education of kids. Tonight: Socialize!

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** Although this is a productive day for you, many of you will enjoy hanging out at home and relaxing in familiar surroundings today. Some of you will be more involved with family members, especially a parent. It's a positive day for discussions about how to improve or expand your real estate. Tonight: Relax at home.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** Accept invitations to schmooze with others today. Maybe a power breakfast or a get-together for coffee or lunch. Anything to do with sports and kids' activities will delight you. A short trip will stimulate you and be appealing. It's an upbeat day! Tonight: Lively conversations.

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

*** Financial discussions about family, how to improve your home or how to explore real estate speculation will go well today. You are mentally confident and open to new ideas. Someone in authority might help you achieve your aims. Tonight: Moneymaking ideas.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Lucky you! The Moon is in your sign today, which means that things will tend to go your way. You can test this by asking the universe for a favor. Admittedly, you might be more emotional than usual, but you'll also be excited and enthusiastic about ideas. Travel if possible. Tonight: You win!

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** Behind-the-scenes research might yield some excellent moneymaking ideas that you can act on or explore today. You might raise funds from another source or even from the resources of a partner or friend. You can attract money to you today! Ka-ching! Tonight: Privacy.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** This is a great day to schmooze with friends or groups because you're in a powerful position with a gaggle of planets in your sign dancing beautifully with the Moon. Discussions with friends and groups (especially females) will go well. It's a perfect day to set some goals for the future. Tonight: Be friendly!

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** You're high-viz today. Some people will know personal details about your private life. Be aware of this in case you have to do some damage control. Fortunately, you make a great impression on work colleagues. Work-related travel is likely for many of you. Tonight: Impress someone.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** Do something different today to satisfy your urge for adventure. Shake things up a little. Travel will be an excellent choice because you need a change of scenery. Enjoy socializing. Sports events and fun activities with kids will be perfect. Live it up! Tonight: Explore!

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 4 2
♥ K 10 9 3
♦ A
♣ 7 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 10 8 6 5
♥ --
♦ J 8 5 4 3 2
♣ J 9 4

EAST
♠ 9 3
♥ Q 8 7 6 5 4 2
♦ 9 6
♣ 10 6

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ A J
♦ K Q 10 7
♣ A K Q 8

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	6 NT		

Opening lead -- six of spades.

It's difficult to fathom some of the oddities that occur in world-championship play. Consider this deal from the 1966 match between Italy and North America.

At the first table, with Lew Mathe North and Bob Hamman South for North America, the bidding went as shown. Certainly the North-South hands justify bidding a grand slam in notrump, since that contract is sure to come home with a heart lead, or if the clubs are divided 3-2, or if the jack of diamonds falls as the A-K-Q are led, or by a heart finesse if that proves necessary, or, possibly, by a squeeze.

But it is much easier to proclaim the merits of seven notrump with the cards exposed than it is to bid it at the table. North's four-club bid was Stayman, asking partner if he had a four-card major, and South's four-diamond response denied having one. North then leaped to six notrump, knowing that the combined point count was at least 35 or 36 -- a point or two short of the 37 that would make a grand slam mandatory -- and that was the end of the auction.

When the deal was over and Hamman had wrapped up 13 tricks, it seemed likely that the Italian North-South pair at the other table would either tie the result by also bidding six notrump, or would gain 750 points by reaching seven notrump.

This was certainly a reasonable expectation, especially with the highly accurate Giorgio Belladonna and Walter Avarelli occupying the North-South seats. But when Eric Murray and Sami Kehela held the East-West cards against them, the bidding surprisingly went:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1 ♥(!)	3 NT
Pass	Pass (!!)	Pass	

Tomorrow: By the sweat of the brow.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5298

7	5	2	9	4	8	3	6	1
6	8	9	1	3	2	5	7	4
4	1	3	6	7	5	8	9	2
2	7	4	8	9	3	1	5	6
3	6	1	7	5	4	2	8	9
8	9	5	2	1	6	7	4	3
9	3	7	4	8	1	6	2	5
1	4	6	5	2	7	9	3	8
5	2	8	3	6	9	4	1	7

Tricky — B5298

9	2	8	4	5	7	3	1	6
6	4	1	3	9	2	8	5	7
7	3	5	6	1	8	4	9	2
3	9	4	7	6	1	5	2	8
1	5	7	8	2	3	9	6	4
8	6	2	9	4	5	1	7	3
4	7	9	5	8	6	2	3	1
5	1	6	2	3	4	7	8	9
2	8	3	1	7	9	6	4	5